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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y (CORRECTION PARA 1.)

CARACASC FOR SECRETARY KISSINGER AND ASSISTANT SECRETARY ROGERS

DEPT FOR ARA-LA/CEN

E.GO. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A.), CS, NU

SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S VISITJ

MEETING OF CENTRAL AMERICAN PRESIDENTS

WITH SECRETARY

1. I SPOKE TO SOMOZA AT 2:30 P.M. TODAY, FEBRUARY 17, ON ANOTHER MATTER, AND HE SAID THAT HE UNDERSTOOD THAT PRESIDENT MELGAR WOULD NOT ATTEND SAN JOSE MEETING WITH SECRETARY KISSINGER. HE SAID IT WAS TOO BAD, AND CONVEYED THE CLEAR IMPRESSION THAT HE WAS PREPARED TO GO, WHOEVER DROPPED OUT.

2. WHILE DESIRES OF PRESIDENT ODUBER, LOCAL COSTA COSTA RICAN SITUATION AND OTHER FACTORS MUST BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT, DISINVITING SOMOZA IS A DECISION THAT SHOULD NOT BE TAKEN LIGHTLY. HE WOULD LIKELY PERCEIVE IT AS AN ACT OF DISCOURTESY TO CHIEF OF
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STATE FOR WHICH THE U.S. WOULD RECEIVE SOME BLAME, EVEN IF ODUBER

DOES THE DISINVITING. IT WOULD BE A CONSIDERABLE DISAPPOINTMENT TO HIM, AND STRENGTHEN ALREADY LOW ESTIMATION OF ODUBER'S COMPETENCE IN HANDLING SECRETARY KISSINGER'S VISIT. UNLESS OTHER FACTORS STRONGLY DICTATE DISINVITING SOMOZA AND TORRIJOS, I SEE NO HARM, NOR DOES SOMOZA APPARENTLY, IN MIXED MEETING OF FOREIGN MINISTERS AND REMAINING PRESIDENTS WITH SECRETARY.

3. IF SOMOZA DISINVITED BY ODUBER, I RECOMMEND THAT SECRETARY KISSINGER CONSIDER GRACEFUL GESTURE OF ONE HOUR AIRPORT MEETING IN MANAGUA WITH SOMOZA EN ROUTE TO GUATEMALA. SECURITY WOULD BE NO PROBLEM. VISIT WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED, AND THREATENED DISSIPATION OF GOOD WILL THAT WAS PURPOSE OF VISIT AVOIDED.
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